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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR MEGUEL CASTILLO DIDIER

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B. WE HAVE QUARDEDLY RELATED TO KIMON FRIAR THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE PROFESSOR'S BROTHER AND SISTER. FRIAR AGRES THAT PUBLICITY WOULD BE DMAGING, BUT ASKED THAT AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO INFORM THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO THAT IT WOULD FAVOR THE VENEZUELAN'S GRANTING OF ASYLUM TO PROFESSOR CASTILLO AND FAMILY. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT SUPPORT FOR PROFESSOR CASTILLO'S CASE BE EXPRESSED IN CARACAS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ASKING AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO TO INDICATE ITS HUMANITARIAN INTEREST IN THE ASYLUM REQUEST BY PROFESSOR CASTILLO TO THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO. WE WOULD LIKE F POSSIBLE, TO BE RESPONSIVE IN THIS MANNER TO KIMON FRIAR (AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF SOME STANDING IN GREEK AND INTERNATIONAL LITERARY AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES). WE, OF COURSE, REALIZE THAT WE ARE ANOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT BE GENERATED BY SUCH AN EXPRESSION OF U.S. INTEREST IN PROFESSOR CASTILLO.

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